

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2019**

- WHEREAS,** *Domestic violence is a serious crime that harms our children, families, schools, communities, workplace, and economy for people from all walks of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, and economic control or abuse; and*
- WHEREAS,** *There have been, on average, 29,848 domestic violence-related crimes each year and 60 domestic violence-related homicides in Maryland since 2013; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In the U.S., an average of three women will die as a result of domestic violence each day. Approximately, one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Exposure to domestic violence puts our youth in danger of long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is committed to putting an end to domestic violence and joins in commending the advocates, counselors, and supporters, who provide care to those affected by these acts of cruelty and for our law enforcement personnel and others who work to bring offenders to justice.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2019 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and urge all citizens to participate actively in the scheduled events and programs and to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 1st day of October
Two Thousand and nineteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State